

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Middlesboro High School will have 20 graduates.

King Victor Emanuel's fine Italian hand will now be seen in the war reports.

Italy has 1,000,000 soldiers under arms and 2,150,000 reserves liable to call.

Italy is the eleventh country to enter the war. Perhaps the little 'leven will leave the whole lump.

Portugal has quieted down with the regular President doing business with a revolutionary cabinet.

Italy has a navy that ought to make every day a busy one with the Austrian navy, concentrated at Pola.

In a collision of trains at Carlisle, England, one of them a troop train, 75 to 100 soldiers were killed and 200 or 300 injured.

Conflicting claims are again coming from Mexico. Carranza claims a great victory at Monterey and Villa claims Gen Obregon has been routed at Celaya.

Hawesville High School has a class of 10 graduates, 5 boys and 5 girls. Ethel Glover, one of the girls, lives five miles in the country and has ridden horseback to school, not missing a day in four years.

Silver coins will have a new design in 1916, in accordance with a law requiring them to be changed every 25 years. Suppose we try them with glue on one side, so they will stick to the pocket better.

Irvin S. Cobb is recovering slowly from an operation for abdominal trouble on May 1 that he will not be able to return to Europe in June as planned. It will be several months before he is able to take the journey.

As long as long as long as Hopkinsville has all the Dixie railroad traffic from Chicago, Louisville and Lexington are welcome to scrap over the joy riders who circle round by Russellville and Middlesboro in automobiles stopping occasionally to buy a supply of gasoline or patronize a soda fountain.

Russia is reaping the effects of extending her lines into Austria far from her communications, whereas she encountered such overwhelming numbers that she lost much of her meager supply of ammunition in being forced back. She is now so scarce of supplies that retreat from the hostile country was the only course left.

Rabbi Theodore Levy, of Temple Adath Israel, Owensboro, for the last four years, has resigned because of his approaching marriage on May 29 to Miss Esther Kummer, of Bloomington, Ill., a Gentile. She was taken into membership of his synagogue two weeks ago and a week later the engagement was announced. Objections raised by some of his members caused his resignation, which was accepted.

Indictments Returned.

Five men were indicted at Madisonville charged with complicity in the assassination of Demmet Woodruff and Grover Hoard last February. Jim Robinson and Floyd Graynor were indicted charged with wilful murder and C. S. Bookwalter, Otto Hamilton and Grover Todd were charged with being accessories before the fact. The last three live in Paducah. C. S. Bookwalter is president and general manager of the Carbondale Coal company, and is said to be worth \$75,000.

Fears-Henderson.

A marriage license was issued Saturday to Herschel P. Fears, aged 18, son of J. A. Fears, and Miss Clara Pearl Henderson, aged 19, daughter of Wallace Henderson, all of this county.

WIND AND RAINSTORM

With Hail In South Christian Late Friday Afternoon.

MUCH DAMAGE REPORTED.

Rainfall The Heaviest For Many Months, Being General.

Another heavy rain fell Friday afternoon, the fall being 2.8. This was followed by other showers Saturday and Sunday, and the ground is now thoroughly soaked over a wide area. In fact, general rains have made a fine tobacco season and growing crops are improving every day. The rain Friday was accompanied by wind and hail in some places that did considerable damage. The hail area extended from Gracely around through South Christian to Edgerton, where it was severest.

Damage to crops is reported in many localities. Six miles west of town a milk house owned by Albert Clark and Marion Thomas, who live near together, was struck by lightning. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Thomas were severely shocked, but not seriously injured.

S. R. Boyd, who lost a barn in the storm two weeks ago, had his remaining barn blown down this time, wrecking his binder and other machinery.

Lightning struck a stable on Fourth street belonging to Chas. West, but the rain put out the flames, or held them in check until the department arrived.

The greatest damage was to growing wheat and young tobacco plants and corn. From the hail. Stones at Lafayette and Edgerton were reported as large as eggs and it fell for 15 minutes.

TODD HIT HARD.

A strip of country from one mile to 4 miles wide, beginning at the Budget Hill on the Butler road and extending to Elkton, was visited by the most terrible hailstorm reported from any direction. The hailstones were as large as a man's fist and utterly destroyed crops and many buildings were blown down.

R. M. Shanklin's barn was blown down containing 5,000 pounds of tobacco.

One wing of Archie O'Daniel's new stock barn was demolished. A. H. Lindsay had a fine wheat crop already turning and corn ready to lay by. His crops were absolutely ruined by hail as large as goose-eggs. He estimates his loss at \$3,400. Holes were knocked in shingle roofs and in the weather-boarding on his house.

Tom Hightower, Lindsay's neighbor, had the windows broken out of his house and his crops ruined.

Dave Brumfield, Tom Brumfield, Nick Latham and T. H. Shanklin all lost their crop.

Mrs. Polk Rose and Hamp Simmons each lost a barn and their crops.

Jeff Watson, Jack Greenfield and Luther Norman had crops destroyed.

The storm extended with less violence into Christian county, striking the farms of Andrew Pierce and C. W. Smith, where considerable damage was done.

T. M. Harned was in town yesterday with a sassafras sprout cut from a field near his place from which the bark on one side had been entirely peeled off by the hailstones. Many large trees had the bark full of holes and stock were in some instances crippled.

Lost Little Daughter.

Florence, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter, of near Julien, died Sunday, after an illness of several months, of heart trouble. The interment took place in Riverside Cemetery yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The parents have the sympathy of a host of friends in the loss of their little daughter.

TWO DIXIE HIGHWAYS

Kentucky's Commissioners Appointed By Gov. McCreary Get Road Apiece.

RUSSELLVILLE ON ONE ROUTE.

Chicago Selected as the Northern Terminus and Miami as Southern.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 24.—Unable to dispose of Cincinnati and Lexington, because of developments coming at the last moment, and at the same time compelled to recognize Louisville, the Dixie Highway commission Saturday attempted to settle the routing problem by placing Louisville on the West Dixie highway, along with Nashville, and Lexington along with Cincinnati on the East Dixie highway, the east and west routes converging at Indianapolis and Chattanooga.

The Lincoln-Jackson way, or the lower Kentucky road passing West Point, Elizabethtown, Cave City and Bowling Green and extending to Nashville around by the way of Russellville, was designated the official west highway route through Kentucky, due to the insistence of Claude Mercer of Hardinsburg one of the Kentucky commissioners.

Chicago was selected as the northern terminus and Miami the southern.

The commission designated the west and east routes in various rival links of thoroughfare between Indianapolis and Miami, but the plan was adopted late today looking toward connecting up the north portion of the two lines with a road leading along the eastern and western shores of Lake Michigan, connecting the south portion with the road from Miami along the west coast of Florida, thus making a continuous loop of the highway.

Before adjournment of the executive session tonight the Dixie Highway Association adopted a charter and perfected a permanent organization of twenty-one directors, comprising fourteen commissioners, seven of the original incorporators. A resolution was adopted providing that the various lengths must be completed within a year.

WORST ERUPTION YET NOTED AT LASSEN PEAK

Tremendous Column of Smoke Shoots Up Many Thousands of Feet.

Redding, Cal., May 22.—Lassen peak burst into an eruption late today that is reported to have surpassed all its previous eruptions. A tremendous funnel of smoke shot from the mouth of the peak and rolled skyward at an altitude of several thousand feet.

Following an electric storm which raged around the summit of Lassen last night there was a report that the rim of the crater had fallen in. Weather conditions prevented an investigation.

Farmers, driven from their homes yesterday by the flood of mud, returning found their crops destroyed, stock killed and heavy damage done to farm equipment. Every bridge for thirty miles down Hat Creek was reported gone.

Eight Local Entries.

The Courier-Journal has inaugurated a contest to give away 10 automobiles and 13 other prizes. The following local candidates appear in the long list entered:

Miss Kathleen Perkins, Hopkinsville.
Miss Alice Anderson, Hopkinsville.
Miss Eloise Redd, "
Miss Mable McShane, "
Miss Anna Steele, "
Mrs. S. W. Tinsley, "
Miss Mary Burkholder, Crofton.
Miss Naomi Martin, "

STARTED ON SUNDAY

Italy at Last Officially Decides To Go To War and Fight Austria.

CLASH OCCURS ON BORDER.

Italy Has One Million Men Ready to Unloose Against The Enemy.

Rome, May 23.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government tonight officially announced that it had declared war against Austria-Hungary.

Baron von Macchio, the Austria-Hungarian ambassador to Italy, was handed his passport at 3:30 o'clock Sunday and will leave Rome at once.

The Italian ambassador at Vienna, the Duke of Avarana, has been recalled.

The Rome Tribuna says that the state of war between Italy and Austria begins May 24.

A clash, generally regarded here as the first skirmish of the Italo-Austrian war occurred to-day between Italian and Austrian troops at Forcellini di Montozzo, in the pass between Pont di Legno and Pejo.

An Austrian patrol crossed the frontier, but was attacked by Italian Alpine chasseurs and driven back over the border.

When the first blow will be struck cannot be foretold, but after many months of preparation the army, which has been greatly strengthened, and the navy, are ready. Exceedingly strong forces are in position all along the Austro-Italian frontier, on the Austrian side of which feverish preparations have been going on the last few days to make the fortifications as strong as possible and to clear the way for effective artillery action.

CANE 200 YEARS OLD

Owned By W. H. Jones, of Todd County, Near Fairview.

W. H. Jones, of Todd county, was in Hopkinsville Saturday and exhibited to a representative of the Kentuckian a walking stick that has been in his wife's family for 198 years. It has cut on one side of it the date "1717." Its original owner was Henry Whitsett, of Virginia. The cane was presented to him May 1, 1717, by his brother-in-law, J. W. Jesup. He owned it 64 years and dying in 1781 left it to his daughter, Martha, at that time 14 years of age. She married and moved to Kentucky and lived to be 114 years and 60 days old. She died May 1, 1881, in Logan county, Ky., and left the heirloom to her youngest son, A. Brasher. Mr. Brasher died in 1895 and left the stick to the present owner, Mrs. M. L. Jones, his youngest child, who in turn intends to leave it to her youngest child. The stick is of birch and has a carved mahogany head, the head of a man grinning, with the back part of his head bald. The head is 1 1/2 inches in diameter. It originally had a cord extending from a hole in the chin to a silver tube 3 inches from the head, passing through the stick, which is 1/2 of an inch at the large end and 1/8 at the other. It has the same iron ferule it has had for nearly 200 years. Its extreme length is 38 inches. Mr. Jones says it has always been the custom of its four owners, Mrs. Jones, her father, grandmother and great-grandfather to rub it with turpentine every July to keep it free from insects. It is in good state of preservation and is highly prized by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who have refused some flattering offers from dealers in antiques.

New York health board bars beehives in the city limits.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENING

This Is the Day For The Alkahest Company's Week's Engagement To Begin.

AT UNION TABERNACLE.

Recital By Frederick Warde Tomorrow Night Will Be A Big Feature.

The Alkahest Chautauqua will begin a week's engagement at the Tabernacle to-day and the programs for to-day and tomorrow are here given:

TUESDAY, MAY 25TH.
AFTERNOON.

Grand opening mass meeting at Chautauqua. Address of welcome by local citizens with response from the Platform Manager, Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper. Full concert by the American Ladies' Orchestra.

EVENING.

Prelude by the American Ladies' Orchestra. Costumed presentation of "Just Plain Judy," an adaptation from "Daddy Long Legs," by Miss Hettie Jane Dunaway, with musical accompaniment.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH.
MORNING.

Address by the Morning Hour Lecturer.

AFTERNOON.

Concert by the Beulah Buck Quartet, including readings by Mrs. Buck and an original musical sketch. Lecture, "Peace," by Hon. Jas. F. Stutesman, of Indiana, ex-U. S. Minister to Bolivia.

EVENING.

Musical prelude by the Beulah Buck Quartet. Shakespearean Recital, by Mr. Frederick Warde. Performances Begin Promptly: Morning, 10:30 o'clock. Afternoon, 3:00 o'clock. Evening, 8:00 o'clock. The admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

The recital by Mr. Warde, who is an old-time favorite in Hopkinsville, will be one of the features of the entire week. It will be a great treat to the public to hear him again.

MARCONI PERFECTS DEVICE FOR SEEING THROUGH WALL

Inventor Makes Announcement Just Before Leaving United States.

New York, May 22.—William Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, made it known to-day before sailing for Italy, says the Evening World, that he has invented an apparatus by means of which it is possible for a person standing beside a solid partition, such as a brick wall, to look through the partition and observe what is happening on the other side, just as if there were no obstacle interposed to the vision.

Mr. Marconi is quoted as saying that the device has been perfected to the point where persons in a room can see persons in an adjoining room looking through the wall, if the persons viewed are close to the wall, but that at a distance from the wall they become blurred. The possibilities for evil involved in the apparatus, it is asserted, have made Mr. Marconi reluctant to make known his invention.

Champ Being Watched.

The sight of Green Champlin's big anatomy unloading at the local L. & N. Station every Sunday afternoon for some time has aroused the curiosity of some of his friends. Asked the purpose of these weekly pilgrimages, he replied that he was coming out to whip the editor of The Pembroke Journal. And yet he walks by us every time.—Pembroke Journal.

THE RUSSIAS COUNTER

Retreat Stopped And Ready To Assume The Offensive.

BOTH GREECE AND RUMANIA.

Bulgaria's Decision May Depend on Results in Dardanelles.

London, May 24.—London awaited with deepest interest the outbreak of actual hostilities between Italy and Austria. Communication across the Austro-Italian border has ended, Italian mobilization has begun, and in Rome decrees were issued respecting measures of an economic nature, establishing a censorship and providing for the public safety.

Greece, whose anxiety over the illness of King Constantine has been increased, is closely following the situation as regards the relations between Austria and Italy, and Athens dispatches state that the war party is gaining in strength and that the recall of ex-Premier Eleutherios Venizelos is imminent.

Rumania, on the other hand, seems anxious to ascertain the outcome of the great Galician battles before she makes her decision, while Bulgaria is waiting for definite results of the attack on the Dardanelles.

Rumania may have some time to wait, as Russia has commenced her counter offensive against the Austro-Germans, who drove her third and Carpathian armies back to the San and Dniester rivers, and an entirely new battle is developing.

The Russians, with strong reinforcements have crossed the San confluence with the Vistula and are advancing southward in an effort to outflank the Germans who crossed the San in the vicinity of Jaroslau. They also are striking hard at the Austrians in Bukowina, but apparently have made no further headway there, nor with their offensive in the Opatow region. The latter offensive, however, was a movement to uncover the German flank in Galicia, which it succeeded partly in doing.

In the Baltic provinces the Germans claim to have defeated the Russian northern wing in the region of Shavli and also to have repulsed Russian attacks from the Dubysa and Niemen rivers.

In the west there has been a series of attacks along the greater part of the line, but no action of first importance.

Getting Ready for Harvest.

M. T. Carter, salesman for the Geiser line of engines and threshers, has just received probably the largest shipment ever received here at one time. The shipment consists of their largest size threshers and one 22-H. P. double engine weighing approximately 120,000 pounds and valued at about \$10,000. The names of the purchasers are:

Pierce Bros. & Owen, rig.
C. H. Cayce & Son, thresher.
M. O. Kimerling, "
R. F. Rives, "
Cherry Bros., "
R. H. McGaughey, "
B. P. Eubank & Roberts, thresher.

Verdict For The Colonel.

Jurors in the \$50,000 suit for alleged libel brought by William Barnes against Theodore Roosevelt Saturday rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant after forty-two hours' deliberation.

Fatal Explosion.

Four persons were killed, three fatally injured and seventeen hurt when dynamite being carried in an automobile at Syracuse, N. Y., exploded.

New Synod.

The Southern Presbyterian Church Assembly voted to establish a new synod to include the mountainous districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.